



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-148]

### **Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigation**

**AGENCY:** Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**DATES:** Applicable [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*].

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

On January 19, 2023, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) initiated the less-than-fair-value investigation (LTFV) of gas powered pressure washers from the People's Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than June 8, 2023.

#### Postponement of Preliminary Determination

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) requires Commerce to issue the preliminary determination in an LTFV investigation within 140 days of the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation. However, section 733(c)(1) of the Act permits Commerce to postpone the preliminary determination until no later than 190 days after the date on which Commerce initiated the investigation if: (A) the petitioner makes a timely request for a

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<sup>1</sup> See *Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the People's Republic of China and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Less-Than-Fair-Value Investigations*, 88 FR 4807 (January 25, 2023).

postponement; or (B) Commerce concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating, that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, and that additional time is necessary to make a preliminary determination. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), the petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reasons for the request. Commerce will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.

On April 24, 2023, FNA Group, Inc. (the petitioner) submitted a timely request that Commerce postpone the preliminary determination in this LTFV investigation.<sup>2</sup> The petitioner stated that it requests postponement due to concerns that Commerce will need more time to issue supplemental questionnaires to address deficiencies in the respondents' initial questionnaire responses. Under the current timeline, the petitioner believes that Commerce will not have complete responses and sufficient information to prepare and issue the preliminary determination.<sup>3</sup>

For the reasons stated above, and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, Commerce, in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e), is postponing the deadline for this preliminary determination by 50 days (*i.e.*, 190 days after the date on which these investigations were initiated). As a result, Commerce will issue its preliminary determination no later than July 28, 2023. In accordance with section 735(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination in this investigation will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless postponed at a later date.

#### Notification to Interested Parties

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

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<sup>2</sup> See Petitioner' Letter, "Gas Powered Pressure Washers from the People's Republic of China: Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated April 24, 2023.

<sup>3</sup> *Id.*

**Dated:** May 11, 2023.

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